Power deficit

♦71. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the power 'deficit for 1985-86 aad the estimated deficit for 1986-87 in the country; and (b) what are the measures taken by Government to reduce the deficit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE (MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) The overall power shortage in the country during 1985-86 was 7. 9 per cent. In spite of an increase of 10. 5 per cent in the power generation i_n the current year as compared to the last year, the estimated deficit during 1986-87 would be 9. 09 per cent, due to the increase in demanH.

(b) The measures taken to improve the availability of power include expediting commissioning of new capacity, better utilisation of existing capacity, implementing short gestation projects, reducing transmission and distribution losses implementation of energy conservation and demand management measures and arranging transfer of energy from surplus to deficit areas.

Merger of Instrumentation Limited, Kota with BHEL

•72. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state;

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for merging the Instrumentation Limited, Kota, with Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL); and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and whether any decision has been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. K. K. TEWARY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Neyveli thermal power station

♦73. SHRI M. VINCENT; Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are taking steps to overhaul t'he 600 megawatt first thermal $powe_r$ station at Neyveli;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when the cutting work of the third mine at Neyveli is likely to be taken up?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Turbogenerator units are taken up for major overhaul at intervals of about 36, 000 to 40, 000 hours. Steam generators and auxiliaries are overhauled at intervals of 16, 000 to 20, 000 hours.

(c) The thira mine out at Nayveli has not been included in the Seventh Five Year Plan due to resource constraints and will be taken up when resources. permit.

Committee for drug manufacturing

*74. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a four member official committee has been set up for laying norms for a phased manufacturing programme for drugs with import content and for identifying the drugs for which technology is well established in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The composition of the Committee is as under; —

(1) Dr. S Ramaswamy. Dy. DG. DGTD..... Chairman

(2) Representative of the Department od Seienee and Technology . Member

(3) Representative from the Department of Industrial Development (SIA)..... Member

(4) Shr/ P. M. Metha, Project Officer, Department of Chemicals and Pertrochemicals .. ' ..... Member Conevnor.

Double Cola

*75. SHRI SURESH KALMADI; Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state;

(a) whether there is a proposal from N. R. I, to set up a soft drinks plant in collaboration with the American Firm: "Double Cola";

(b) if so, what are the import contents of the collaboration proposal indicating separately the import of technology and capital goods etc. contemplated theiein;

(c) what are the terms for providing remittances contemplated under the proposal; and

(d) how the terms of this proposal compare with that of the Punjab Agro Pepsi tie up which has been under consideration of the Government for some time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M- ARUNACHALAM); (a) to (c) Some Non-Resident Indians under the name and style of Double Cola Manufacturing Company (India) P Ltd. made a proposal in August 1981 for the establishment of a soft drink concentrates manufacturing unit in the small scale industries sector. Since the proposal involved lOO per cent equity participants by Non-Resident Indians without any repartiation and there was no payment for the import of knowledge of technology, the Company was informed in January 1982 that its proposal did not require any formal approval for foreign collaboration or grant of letter of intent. The technical know-how for manufacturing the soft drink concentrates will be made available by the promoters through Double Cola Company of U. S. A. free of cost. The project involves import of capital goods valued at about Rs. 4. 78 lakhs.

(d) There are major differences in the projects of the Punjab Agro Industries Corporation and the Double Cola Manufacturing (India) P Ltd. The proposal of the Punjab Agro Industries Corporation is still under the consideration of the Government. It is, therefore, not possible to make any valid comparison at this stage between the two projects.

Pending cases in Allahabad and Delhi High Courts

*76. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state;

(a) the number of cases pending as on 31st January, 1987 for disposal in Allahabad High Court and in Delhi High Court;

(b) how many cases among these are pending for the last more than three years;

(c) how many posts of judges in the aforesaid High Courts are lying vacant and since which date; and

(d) by when they are likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ); (a) to (c) A statement containing the information is laid on the Table of the House. *See* below)

(d) The matter regarding filling up the vacancies of judges in the High Courts of Allahabad and Delhi is engaging the attention of the Government. It is not possible to indicate the time by which the vacancies will be filled up.